



Get Cash for Scrap MDAQMD's Vehicle Buy Back Program COMING SOON!



The MDAQMD Governing Board recently approved the implementation of the MDAQMD's Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program, which will offer \$1,200 for qualified operating and registered 1988 and older vehicles. The program is expected to launch late this summer.

Eligible vehicles must be driven to the vehicle dismantler and must pass the most recent biennial Smog Checks required by the California DMV, along with the Vehicle Status and Qualification Requirements and the Vehicle Functional and Equipment Eligibility Inspection for participation in the VAVR Program.

Participation in the program is voluntary, and incentives will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all available funds are exhausted.

Information on the VAVR Program will soon be available on the District's web site. Visit <http://www.mdaqmd.ca.gov> in the coming weeks and check under the "Incentive Programs" found in the "Grants" section, for a complete list of requirements.

Potential participants for the MDAQMD's VAVR Program may also contact Environmental Engineering Studies, Inc. at (800) 717-7624 or Roseana Navarro-Brasington at (760) 245-1661 ext. 5706 for more information.

MDAQMD RELEASES "THE ADVENTURES OF PARTI AND OZI" CURRICULUM

The Lewis Center for Educational Research recently worked with District staff to develop four standards-based air quality lesson plans designed for middle through high school students. "*The Adventures of Parti and Ozi*" is the title of this engaging, combination live action/animated lesson plan series, which is designed to help connect students with concepts such as the actual size of particulate matter, understanding other pollutants they might be exposed to, and how their density and concentration can dramatically impact their world.



"*The Adventures of Parti and Ozi*" air quality curriculum was developed by the LCER using funds awarded by the District from the settlement of air quality violations. The MDAQMD often recommends the implementation of a Supplemental Environment Project or "environmental component" as part of a penalty agreement for violations of air quality laws within the MDAQMD's jurisdictional boundaries.

Lesson objectives include understanding the density of air and identifying cleaner transportation options. Students can also create their own statistics about recycling in their classroom and design ways to make a concrete contribution in the fight against air pollution.

The lesson plans can now be accessed on the District's Web site at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov in the Air Quality section under the Education & Outreach, For Teachers.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research Releases Preliminary Draft CEQA Guidelines for GHG Emissions

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research recently released its preliminary draft CEQA guideline amendments, which once formally adopted, will guide public agencies on how to analyze the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions generated by new projects on the environment.

"California is a world leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in our fight against climate change," said the Governor's Office of Planning and Research Director Cynthia Bryant. "With these draft guidelines, OPR took a thoughtful approach to how greenhouse gas emissions can be addressed in a comprehensive and fair way, so that we can rebuild California's infrastructure and stimulate our economy while at the same time reducing our carbon footprint."

In 2007, the Governor signed SB97 by Senator Bob Dutton (R-Rancho Cucamonga). The bill's purpose is to advance a coordinated policy for reducing GHG emissions by directing OPR and the Natural Resources Agency to develop CEQA guidelines on how state and local agencies should analyze, and when necessary, mitigate GHG emissions.

Under SB97, OPR has until July 1, 2009 to submit proposed draft CEQA guidelines to the Natural Resources Agency. The Agency must then take the draft guidelines through a formal rulemaking process and adopt them as state regulation by January 1, 2010. OPR is releasing the draft guidelines ahead of schedule to allow additional time to address public comments and for the Natural Resources Agency to prepare the necessary documentation as part of its rulemaking process.

In June, OPR released its technical advisory, which was developed in consultation with the Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency and the Air Resources Board. Until the CEQA guidelines are adopted next January, this technical advisory provides a blueprint that public agencies can use to address GHG emissions within existing requirements of the CEQA statutes and guidelines.

For more information on the OPR preliminary draft CEQA guidelines and additional tools for public agencies, go to www.opr.ca.gov.

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